Please join us for the 4th National Stalking Awareness Month January 2007

Dear Colleague:

This January marks the fourth annual observance of National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM), started in 2004 by the National Center for Victims of Crime. Since its inception, NSAM has become a unifying force for victim service providers across the country to raise awareness about the serious and deadly crime that victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in America each year.

As part of NSAM, the National Center distributes posters, fact sheets, brochures for victims, sample resolutions, and op-eds across the country to help communities engage in awareness activities. Each year, governors, attorneys general, and domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking organizations have joined us in our campaign to bring attention to the crime of stalking and the needs of victims.

We encourage you to join us this year and help make the 4th National Stalking Awareness Month the best yet. Get involved by distributing materials, working with public officials on proclamations, holding events or trainings, contacting local media, and organizing or participating in other local activities that raise awareness of this terrible crime.

To support your efforts, the National Center will again launch our special Stalking Awareness Month Web site where you can find a number of downloadable materials for you and your community to use in recognizing National Stalking Awareness Month. These materials include several new stalking posters, a victim brochure in PDF format, a stalking fact sheet, a "top ten things you should know about stalking" one-page flyer, and a sample proclamation and resolution for use at the municipal, county, or state level. Some materials are available in Spanish. Silver stalking awareness pins are also for sale on our Web site. This years 2007 NSAM Web site will launch in early December.

If you would like to get involved or share what your community is doing for National Stalking Awareness Month, contact Ilse Knecht, Deputy Director of Public Policy, at 703-732-2446 or iknecht@ncvc.org.